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Patton reinstated; SG still confused

SHELLEY WILSON
MANAGING EDITOR

The Judicial Council reinstated Darin Patton as the Student Government President on Dec. 1 after being impeached five months ago. Patton was impeached by the 31st Student Senate due to holding funds approved by the SG President that served immediately before him.

The Council ruled that the three charges being lumped together against Darin violated his due process for a fair trial.

Since this decision the, Judicial Council has



Patton

come under attack by members of SG as overstepping their boundary of power.

"I have no personal vendetta against should Darin be in office or should he not be in office. I just question Judicial Council's authority to just make it invalid," Senate President Pro Tempore, Amy Florin, stated to the 32nd Senate on Dec. 2.

Florin has since written a two-page memo to the council asking questions and compared the scenario to the Supreme Court

case, *Walter Nixon v. US*. She wrote that the council acted in direct contradiction of the US Supreme Court and that someone needed to correct this serious infraction.

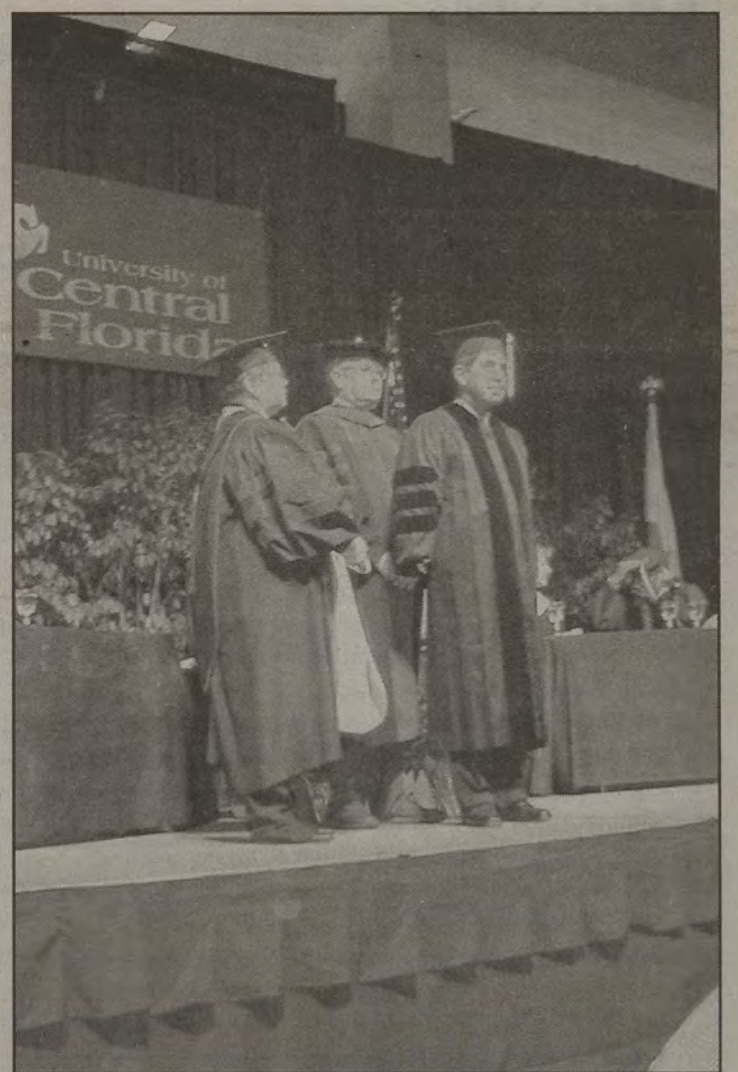
Attorney General Michele Fernandez responded in a memo on Dec. 8 to the use of the Supreme Court case, as neglecting a Justice's analysis that was different from the Court's.

'According to Justice Souter, "if the Senate were to act in a manner seriously threatening the integrity of its results, judicial interference might well be appropriate." If the Senate denies a student their right to a fair and

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu and former Costa Rican President Oscar Arias receive their doctorate of humane letters. These two Nobel Peace Prize winners spoke at UCF Dec. 8 on the topic of world peace.



World markets turn up no signs of a Y2K bug

GEORGE GUNSET
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The nation's first financial trading of the new year opened in Chicago on Sunday evening with systems running smoothly, a bug-free experience repeated from Hong Kong to Cairo and beyond as the world began the first work week of 2000.

With no problems reported in the Chicago Mercantile Exchange or Chicago Board of Trade electronic systems the way appeared clear for a normal opening of stock, futures and options exchanges Monday morning.

"The evidence suggests there probably will be very little disruption," said former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, now chairman of Citigroup's executive committee.

Trading proceeded uneventfully in a handful of stock exchanges that were open over the weekend--in Bangladesh, Oman, Kuwait, Egypt and Bahrain--with

many reporting modest gains as Y2K jitters eased.

Markets in Japan, Europe and Australia were closed for an extra New Year's holiday Monday, but Hong Kong trading began the year.

The apparent success of the market openings raised hopes that there would be few problems as Americans head back to work and school. Officials were at least cautiously confident because while little problems have popped up here and there around the world, so far they have been nothing earthshaking and are sometimes amusing.

"We're ready to go," Chicago Public Schools chief Paul Vallas said Sunday. All central office, student information, security and e-mail systems are functioning, he said. Buses were filled with fuel; schools were stocked with food. That means the district's 450,000 students should expect to be in class Monday.

President Clinton's top Y2K adviser, John Koskinen, called Monday "an important and significant day" for ensuring some of the most important business

computers will work.

"We expected there will continue to be small glitches," he said Sunday.

To many, the biggest uncertainty in the U.S. was the thousands of small businesses that planned to reopen Monday yet took no precautions against the Y2K computer problem. One glitch attributed to the bug occurred in an Albany, N.Y., video rental store where a customer was presented with a \$91,250 late fee after the computer showed that a tape was 100 years late.

A similar problem cropped up at nine state of Illinois departments: Incoming e-mails are recording the New Year's dates as 1900 instead of 2000.

Mary Reynolds, the state's chief technology officer, predicted the e-mail dates would be fixed within days, and she said the problems will not hurt government services. The e-mail snafu includes the Departments of

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Heading to the Hall...

Former soccer player and coach Karen Richter heads UCF's third Hall of Fame class. See story, Sports..

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Deadly rage, acted out through public violence, most defined 1999

WILLIAM R. MACKLIN
KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

It seems unfair to remember 1999 as the year of deadly rage.

After all, it was a time in which the president survived an impeachment trial, a cancer survivor won the Tour de France, and a 9-year-old boy from Memphis survived the month he lived alone with his mother's dead body.

Still, it was deadly rage, acted out through public violence, that most defined 1999 -- a year riven by a discomforting sense that the American Century may have had as much to do with bloodshed and alienation as it did with invention and imagination.

How else to explain the poisonous resentments of Dylan Harris and Eric Klebold?

Their pubescent jihad at Columbine High School killed 13 people and ended in their suicides -- all in the glorious name of teenybopper vengeance.

And the teen killers weren't the only violence-prone sociopaths who justified their crimes with flimsy ideology and faulty personal perspectives.

In a year that grandly masqueraded as the end of the century and the close of the millennium, killing for a cause -- no matter how half-baked -- was a cottage

industry.

The Midwest murder spree of racist and anti-Semite Benjamin Smith left two dead; the paranoid disaffection of overwrought day trader Mark Barton cost 9 lives; the sectarian bias of Larry Gene Ashbrook led him to slay seven worshipers at a Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

All three attacks ended with the shooters' suicides.

Those crimes and public shootings in schools and workplace nationwide may have been perplexing, but in 1999 there were other reasons to shake your head and wonder.

In Yugoslavia, the NATO bombing campaign ended attacks on ethnic Albanians only to clear the way for the former victims to undertake their own campaign of terror against their ancient Serbian rivals.

In disaster zones from earthquake-battered Turkey to flood-scourged Mexico and Venezuela, there were tens of thousands of lives lost and almost as many questions unanswered about the rough-hewn social conditions that contributed to the high death tolls.

In Colorado, the lengthy investigation into the murder of child beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey ended -- without any indictments.

The U.S. Senate's failed attempt to convict President Clinton for lies he told during the investigation of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky apparently perplexed most Americans, who, if you believed the polls, felt Clinton's affair was Clinton's business.

In 1999, however, justice wasn't always a matter of partisan whim.

Thomas J. Capano, powerful Wilmington lawyer turned convicted killer, got the death penalty for the murder of former lover Anne Marie Fahey.

The trio of white racists who chained James Byrd Jr. to the back of a truck and dragged him down a Jasper, Texas, roadway until his body was torn to bits, drew capital murder convictions. Two are on death row. The third is serving a life sentence.

Hundreds of miles away, but in the same moral vacuum, two men drew life sentences for the Wyoming murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard, who died after being savagely beaten and chained to a prairie fence.

And for double murderer Gary Heidnik, the final exit from the house of horrors in his mind was through the death house at a Centre County prison.

At times last year, the machinery

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impartial hearing wouldn't this threaten the integrity of its results? The Judicial Council seemed to think so.'

Chief Justice Laura Wharton knew that debate would erupt over whatever decision the council made, but stated that did not affect the outcome.

"The council didn't want to base a decision on that," Wharton said.

Wharton added that the Council looked at their duty of protecting any student's rights since she said there is no outline for an appeal in regards to impeachment and the council ruled Patton's rights could have been violated.

Patton is now president, Andrew Cupicha is the vice president, and Amy Florin is the senate pro tempore. Jaime Halscott, who became vice president after the impeachment and who also wrote the impeachment affidavits, is now without a job. He has filed an appeal to the Council and to the administration about the situation.

Many students and senators ask if the appeals and the threats of lawsuits ever stop in SG. Since this time last year, there have been over five appeals in Student Government, which many want to see end.

"A lot of people forgot that no one's winning in this situation. Jaime's lost, Darin's lost out of four months, and I've been shifted around so much that students are ultimately the ones losing in all this and my main focus was to find some way to compromise and say hey look we've all lost, but here's a way we can all win," Cupicha said.

Cupicha floored the Senate a few weeks ago, when he stated he would be willing to work out an agreement where Halscott, Patton and himself could work together in the SG office to get things done.

"It was pretty obvious that neither side was going to give up and there's been so much focus put on that that people tended to forget why they're here. It's about learning, not bickering and fighting and if I could present a proposal that would end some of this chaos then I would be doing my job," Cupicha said.

Could Patton and Halscott work together? Halscott could not be reached for comment, but Patton wanted to put the past behind him.

"I would hope this is over and Student Government can finally move ahead. I believe I have always acted on the best interest of the majority involved and been placed on the defense more than the offense," Patton said.

Patton adds that even though the saga seems to be never ending in SG, he never gave up because he knew he was elected by the students not to.

"I believe the students who voted me in wanted me to stand up and fight for them and Student Government should move forward to help all students here as much as possible," Patton said.

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Hype heightens interest in literature about the Apocalypse

KENDALL ANDERSON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

IRVING, Texas -- One student said she loves God. The other is agnostic. Both were eager to begin a class on apocalyptic literature this week at the University of Dallas, indulging their curiosity about the future.

"The timing is perfect -- the end of the millennium and what's going to happen is on everybody's tongue," said Laura Cook, 31, a biochemistry major who said she's uncertain about God's existence.

While much Y2K hype was related to fears about malfunctioning mainframes and obliterated bank accounts, there were also lots of anxious, or curious, people turning their attention to Revelation. The last book of the Bible describes in graphic detail the apocalypse, an otherworldly, grotesque showdown between good and evil.

Over the past year, local theology professors and bookstore owners say, there has been a surge in public fascination with the biblical prophecy about the end times. (Interpretations of Revelation, and beliefs about whether it's to be taken literally, vary widely among Christians.)

Colleges locally and nationally have offered new courses and seminars to meet the demand, from Dallas Theological Seminary's six-day conference on prophecies to the University of Chicago's "Apocalypticism and Church Reform: Female Seers in the High and Late Middle Ages."

"In the popular mind, the year 2000 is connected to things apocalyptic," said Professor Mark Goodwin, who launched the UD class after students at the Catholic university asked for it last year. Fifty-five students enrolled in the first class last fall, a "striking" number for a new elective, he said. The demand carried over to the current course, offered over the winter break.

Bookstores can't keep displays of apocalyptic literature full. At the Borders Books on Lovers Lane near Greenville Avenue, books such as "Soul Harvest _ The World Takes Sides" and "Nicolae _ The Rise of the Anti-Christ" are sold out.

Heightened interest in the end of history as we know it occurs before the turn of every century, historians and theologians point out.

"There is a fundamental human curiosity about the future. And there is also a kind of anxiety people have about their ultimate fate and destiny," said Goodwin.

For some people who have dedicated their lives to understanding ancient Jewish and Christian texts, the sudden popularity can be irksome.

Mark Bailey, provost at Dallas Theological Seminary, said, "It would be nice if people had the same interest in the end times, eternity and biblical prophecy all the time . . . but I try to look at this as a teachable moment."

The "hucksters" who are predicting Jesus' second coming and other events in the Book of Revelation are dangerous in the same way David Koresh of the Branch Davidians was, Bailey and others say.

"If you survey the Christian landscape in America, modern false prophets are springing up like mold on leftover refried beans," wrote Ole Anthony, a religious scholar and president of the Dallas-based Trinity Foundation, a watchdog group that monitors televangelists.

Anthony recently wrote a story for Trinity's magazine criticizing the proliferation of charlatanry this decade.

UD scholars teach students that only God knows when the second coming will happen.

And what about those who don't believe in a second coming?

"They can take this course and really look hard at the thing they disagree with, grapple with it and then when they disagree, their disagreement is stronger," Goodwin said.

Described as an enthusiastic, thorough and fast-paced instructor, Goodwin said his goal is to give students a critical understanding of apocalyptic literature so they can interpret it for themselves.

Theresa Sapp was happy to take on the challenge.

"To me this class is getting into the real message of the Christian faith - God's final message for his people," said the 21-year-old theology major. "And it's fun to guess and evaluate our time, given what are purported to be signs of the end."

"But I don't think we can say decidedly that we are facing end times. We can't be certain, because we don't really know."

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Seeking off-mat justice: web 'porn' athletes counting on courts

MICHAEL HIRSLEY AND
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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO -- As government and Internet factions continue debating who can best regulate a booming computer industry fraught with ethical land mines, one group of stunned victims remains unconvinced that either side can help them.

The Federal Trade Commission has criticized Web sites' lack of protection for the privacy of consumers' personal data. On-line industry groups counter that self-policing and self-regulation are sufficient and preferable to government rules.

But neither position addresses a recent blatant and dramatic invasion of privacy in which the Internet is an accessory.

Dozens of college athletes were shocked to learn that they had been videotaped surreptitiously while they were undressed, using locker rooms, showers and urinals.

Further, they learned their naked images were being sold as "hidden-camera" tapes, promoted with displays on Web sites.

Some 200 athletes have sued the tapes' purveyors, charging invasion of privacy, mail fraud, wire fraud and unauthorized and unlawful use of their images for monetary purposes.

They have filed a civil suit in Cook County Circuit Court. As yet that seems to be their only legal recourse. The FBI and U.S. attorney's office, aware of the tapes and their content, have not commented on whether or what criminal action might be pursued.

Randall Samborn, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, would not confirm if the office has the matter under investigation. Nor would he discuss the office's policy regarding prosecution for invasion of privacy.

"As a general rule, we don't comment on matters of how we perceive an issue or crime ... because that deals with speculation, which would be prohibitive," Samborn said.

Meanwhile, experts on privacy issues and the Internet contend that existing laws to attack the problem may be inexact or insufficient -- or at least perceived as such by prosecutors, partly because videotape and computer technology has outraced society's understanding of its capability, let alone its capability to harm.

Before the on-line technology boom, "you never could have done these things," University of Dayton law professor Susan Brenner said of the widespread marketing of hidden-camera images. "The videotaper would take these pictures to a magazine, and (the editors) would say no because of the legal consequences."

Now they can be distributed in a "wild West" cyberspace community and can spread "like a cancer" from one Web site to another around the world,

Brenner said.

Brenner teaches a cyber-crimes seminar in which third-year law students study, write assignments and converse with police, prosecutors and other professionals dealing with the subject. Creating a model computer-crimes code is an ongoing task.

"Electronic-surveillance laws are tricky," said Robert Ellis Smith, editor of the Providence, R.I.-based Privacy Journal, which deals with technology's impact on privacy and confidentiality issues. "The quirk in the federal law is that it was written without anticipating that video equipment would become so small that it could easily be hidden and produce high-quality images."

The law deals more thoroughly with audio surveillance such as eavesdropping and wiretapping. Some states have passed more encompassing and specific laws dealing with video cameras, he said.

Fred Cate, an Indiana University law professor with

expertise in new media and privacy legislation, said federal legislation is needed to address technology that makes cameras so small and easily hidden, and the Internet aspect that allows sellers to distribute videotapes at marginal cost.

So far, he said, it is a losing proposition to sue Internet service providers for the material on Web sites because the Communications Decency Act specifically states that providers "would not be liable for content they do not originate."

However, Cate and J. Robert Flores, senior counsel for the National Law Center for Children and Families, believe U.S. attorney's or state's attorney's offices could bring criminal actions.

The tapes in question were made in restricted or semirestricted areas. They include sound of athletes talking and were made for commercial profit. "This would seem to be the most egregious type of case," Cate said.

Internet enforcement has thus far focused only on child pornography, said Flores, a former assistant district attorney in Manhattan and former acting deputy chief of the Justice Department's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section.

Flores maintains that the athletes' case "is a loser for the video makers. I'd like to see a prosecutor bring it."

He believes hidden-camera videotaping can be prosecuted under obscenity statutes because genitals are shown. And, he added, "It is illegal to transmit obscenity over the Internet."

Tests of whether the tapes are obscene and meet the burden of proof for criminal violations include whether the material is sexual in nature, is presented in an offensive way, appeals to prurient interests and whether it has any serious literary, artistic or scientific value.

The naked athlete tapes are "patently offensive," Flores said. "This has nothing to do with

consenting adults. This has nothing to do with freedom of speech. It's sick. The easiest case to make would be an obscenity case."

He agreed that Internet service providers are not obligated to police their Web sites, but contended that it doesn't exempt them from responsibility: "Monitoring your content is different from acting on a verifiable complaint."

Political science professor Alan Wolfe, director of the Center for Religion and Public Life at Boston College, said the hidden-camera exploitation of college athletes without penalty is an example of technology going beyond what society knows.

"I would expect that people would be aghast to hear that exists," he said of the tapes. "Technology usually does advance much more rapidly than the culture, but perhaps this is a bigger lag than in previous generations."

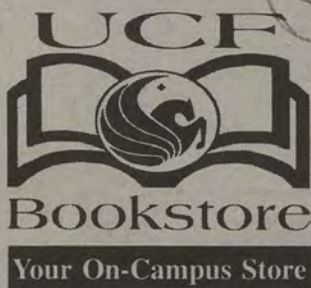
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Atheletes videotaped

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"When the culture catches up with technology in this area, legal protection will be improved."

Flores agrees. "This gets people viscerally," he said. "This addresses the image of someone going where they believe they have privacy, like showering or trying on clothes, and suddenly worrying about being videotaped. That scares people."

James Atkinson, whose Granite Island Group is a Massachusetts communications engineering firm that specializes in sniffing out surveillance equipment for corporations and individuals, cited an example of how insidious and coldly professional hidden-camera videotaping has become.

A computer pornography company in Rhode Island gave money to a janitor at an Ivy League school to take the company's producers into women's shower rooms for the purpose of hiding cameras, Atkinson said. The janitor then took the full videocassettes to the company and refilled the machines with new cassettes.

"They knew there was a camera because they had videotapes circulating the campus and making the rounds of local video stores," Atkinson said. "A parent got wind of the videotape and alerted the school."

Atkinson and his company went to the school, where they found cameras hidden in eight women's showers.

No one was prosecuted in the case.

"When a privacy is betrayed like this, the institution will go to great lengths to conceal it, especially if it's a private institution," Atkinson said.

Who's behind these kinds of non-amateur videotapes?

"It's very rare for these people to be just a mom-and-pop organization," Atkinson said. "When you follow the paper trail, you'll find a lot of money. There's a lot more here than meets the eye."

Typically, all a person needs to videotape a room surreptitiously is a camera, a power source, a transmitter and a listen post with a monitor and video recorder, Atkinson said. Cameras come in different shapes and sizes. With a battery as its power source, or a line that taps into a nearby electrical wire or an energy-signal transmitted over airwaves, the camera can record objects at a significant distance.

And with the advent of digital video, a camera, battery and transmitter can fit inside a pants pocket or a cigarette-sized container and be easily hidden in small spaces.

Abuse of technology has blurred the lines between pranks and crimes, Atkinson said. "Where panty raids used to be popular, now video cameras are the rage," he said.

Atkinson said Radio Shack is apparently making a major play for the clandestine videotaping market, devoting several pages of its 2000 catalog to various devices. A spokesman for Radio Shack, however, said the company has been offering surveillance cameras for security use in businesses and homes for years.

"We're very big into the security-product business," said Tony Magoulas, a Radio Shack spokesman.

Locally, the Spy Shop/Discreet Electronics store has been selling high-tech surveillance equipment, including wireless mini-cameras and microphones, as well as anti-bugging devices to detect such equipment for eight years at its Gold Coast location.

Owner Michael Pinsker said while he realizes the equipment could be abused, he tries to minimize the potential by questioning customers.

"I take every precaution and every control before I offer these products," he said. "I ask how the product is going to be used and how far away the product is going to be placed before I show anyone any products."

Pinsker said he doesn't fear criminal charges being brought against him if his products are used illegally.

"The laws don't preclude the sale of cameras to anyone," he said. "If you go to an Ace Hardware and buy a screwdriver and use it to kill someone, is Ace responsible?"

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Violence taints 1999

FROM PAGE 2

of jurisprudence seemed to snag or not work at all.

Ira Einhorn continued to languish in France, staving off extradition for a new trial in the murder of Holly Maddux. And while 70-year-old Marie Noe's admission that she killed eight of her babies ended a long-running mystery, her sentencing provoked debate: five years of house arrest and 15 of probation.

But loathing and death weren't the only fascinations in 1999.

The year abounded with signs of how much the world has changed during this 20th century.

Arlington Cemetery said it would not add any new remains to the Tomb of the Unknowns, citing DNA tests that makes it possible to identify even the most mangled war dead.

NASA took one giant leap for equal opportunity when it launched its first space mission commanded by a woman.

The U.S. military's departure from the Panama Canal Zone after nearly a century, was as peaceful as it was overdue.

But Woodstock '99 shirked the love-and-peace ethic of its '60s predecessor and eroded into looting and burning.

In Vermont, with little hint of any protest, the state Supreme Court, in a ruling with wide-reaching implications, concluded that same-sex couples must be given the same rights as straight couples.

And in a respectful bow to the views of the family of one of the nation's most revered protest leaders, a civil jury ruled that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been slain not, as long maintained, by a single gunman, but as a result of a vast conspiracy.

Despite changes and revelations, in 1999 some things remained the same -- at least for the foreseeable future.

The economy continued to purr like a kitten with a belly full of milk, driving the Dow to wild heights, creating more jobs than some employers could fill and touching off a fresh round of mergers including the record-wrecking \$115 billion merger of MCI and Sprint.

Microsoft, which is to the data age what Standard Oil was to the industrial age, became the first company to top \$500 billion in market value. And like Standard Oil it was branded a monopoly by federal authorities.

The worlds of medicine and science had their share of wonders and trials, from the successful sequencing of nearly an entire human chromosome to the death of an Arizona teen during hotly criticized gene therapy experiments by the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who had bucked legal restraints with his one-man euthanasia crusade, was convicted of second-degree murder.

Abroad, life seemed to get an affirming nod in places long troubled by death and conflict.

Voters in Israel elected Ehud Barak prime minister amid promises he would invigorate the Mideast peace process. By year's end Israel and Syria had begun talks, while in Northern Ireland, Catholics and Protestants were cautiously cooperating under a promising power-sharing agreement.

But in rebel Chechnya, Russian troops tightened their noose, and a vote for independence in East Timor brought violent reprisals before international peace-keeping forces intervened.

Despite the shadows of those events, in 1999 there were moments that inspired.

Pope John Paul II's quiet plea for the life of a triple murderer in Missouri was answered.

Just two years after out-racing cancer, Texas cyclist Lance Armstrong won the grueling Tour de France bicycle race.

Such moments reminded us of the majesty of the human spirit and the surprising powers of the body that contains it. Others revealed our vulnerabilities.

The crash of EgyptAir Flight 990 into the Atlantic Ocean off Massachusetts killed all 277 people aboard.

That followed by just months another Atlantic crash that claimed the lives of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law as they flew in a small plane piloted by the only son of the slain president. For many, the crash deepened the cycle of tragedy that has long gripped the Kennedy family.

The deep feelings expressed after Kennedy's death seemed to show that with century nearing its close, the nation is not a place of hard hearts and dulled sensitivities.

But the problem of a child from Memphis illustrated something else: we still have much to learn about simple human consideration.

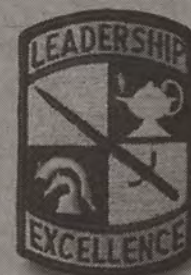
After Travis Butler's mother died at their home, the 9-year-old -- terrified that he would be placed in foster care -- went on living with her corpse. For a month.

In a world where the population last year swelled to 6 billion, it took that long for anyone to notice that a little boy was frightened and alone.



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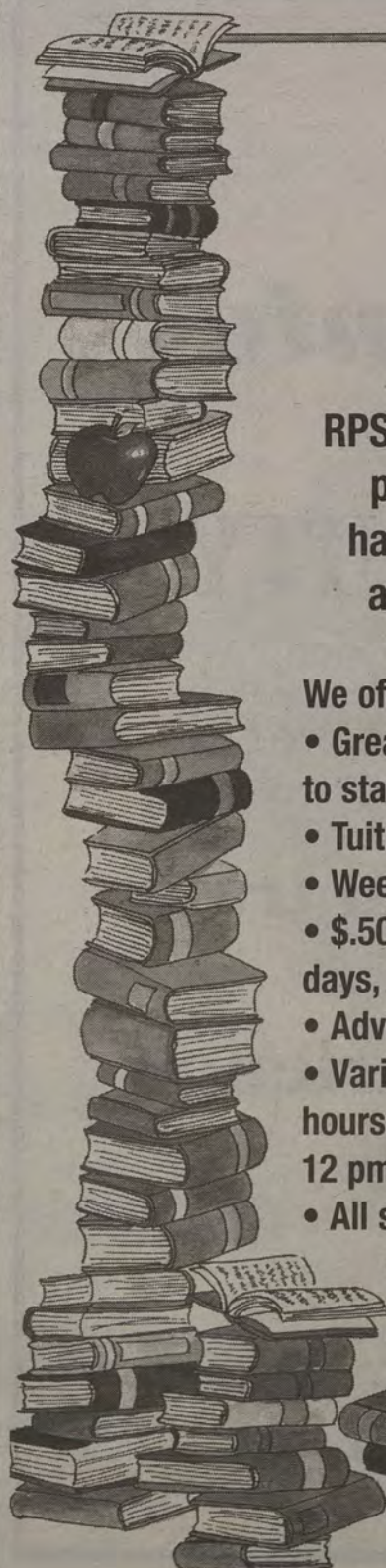
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Y2k a bust, things go as usual at midnight

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Agriculture, Lottery, Professional Regulation, Financial Institutions, and Banks and Real Estate. Also affected are the governor's Bureau of the Budget, the State Employees' Retirement System, the Student Assistance Commission and, for a twist, the Historic Preservation Agency.

"That is funny," she said of the historic agency. "It's appropriate for them. They have a lot of documents dated 1900."

There are more than 60 state agencies.

Because Monday is the first regular business day since the rollover, state officials planned to resume intensive scrutiny of all counties throughout the state at 6 a.m. State officials had scaled back weekend staffing when they saw only a couple of Y2K glitches Saturday.

At the Federal Reserve, officials said there have been no problems in processing checks or electronic payments.

"Obviously we are confident, but there is still a question mark," said Doug Tillet, spokesman for the Fed in New York.

On Wall Street, a normal opening could see a strong rally as confident buyers pour money into the market after the smoother-than-expected transition from the old year to the new.

The electronic trading that launched successfully in Chicago focuses on the CBOT's Project A system, whose best-known product is 30-year Treasury bond futures, and the Merc's Globex system, with such contracts as Standard & Poor's 500 stock index futures.

Trading opened at 5:30 p.m. for the Globex system and "no Y2K-related problems were encountered," the Merc said. The exchange "anticipates trading seamlessly" until trading floors open as usual Monday morning. S&P futures were reported moderately higher in early

trading.

At the Board of Trade, Project A contracts began trading at 6 p.m. with no disruption, a spokesman said.

"We could see a new wave of money coming into the market based entirely on the good news about Y2K," said Jim Weiss, deputy chief investment officer for equities at State Street Research and Management Co. in Boston.

"There has been a bit of a cautionary approach in the way investors have allocated new money," he said, citing an influx of money into more conservative money market funds. That could change if investors perceive the successful conversion to Y2K as reason to pour money into the buoyant market.

This weekend's smooth sailing on Y2K removed one obstacle to a continued stock-buying binge.

Market analysts and Y2K gurus caution that the full effect of the computer conversion isn't known yet and might not be clear for days or weeks.

In New York, banks, stock exchanges and other financial services companies said their systems were fully operational Saturday and will be ready for business Monday. The 48 organizations reporting to the Financial Services Coordination and Communication Center also include electronic communications networks, which trade stocks on-line, and government securities dealers.

The Kuwait Stock Exchange offered one of the first true tests, opening for a full trading session Sunday. Safaak al-Rukeibi, deputy general manager, told the Kuwait News Agency that "all trading operations were normal and there were no problems whatsoever."

"The U.S. and Europe have been aware of Y2K for far too long, and have spent far too much money, to have left things unchecked," Weiss said.

In Chicago, city and aviation officials said they were expecting few if any problems Monday.

Richard Monocchio, chief of staff for the Chicago Department of Aviation, said the heavy snows

near last New Year's presented much greater difficulties for the airport, schools and city services than the turn to year 2000 did this year.

"Last year, it was incredible," said Monocchio, who expects about 250,000 passengers to come through O'Hare International Airport on Monday. "We were able to keep the airport open, but the airlines canceled 75 percent of the flights. It's an incredible difference. Knock on wood . . ."

"We're fully confident that today and tomorrow with the heavier traffic load, everything will stand up as it has the last two days," he said.

Beth Boatman, Chicago's chief information officer, said the only Y2K breakdown occurred in the Streets and Sanitation Department on the 7th floor of City Hall. The department's Doppler weather radar seized for about five minutes at midnight Friday until technicians turned its computer dateline to the year 1983, which allowed it to function routinely.

"My guess is for (the) start of business (is) that not just us but the private sector will be kind of taking a very close look at how things are going," Boatman said, "and there will be things that pop up on Monday."

Across the globe, there were such pop-ups.

In South Korea, about 900 families in apartments in Pyongchon, just south of Seoul, went without heat for several hours Saturday when a central heating system malfunctioned.

A hospital in western Norway reported that an X-ray machine had failed. News reports said that cash registers at a handful of 7-Eleven convenience stores failed in Norway, and that some ATM machines there weren't working.

There was good news from Gambia, the smallest African country, which had anticipated failures in its treasury and customs computers. Nothing went wrong, officials said Sunday. The U.S. State Department concurred.

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OPINION

Step Into Future

And make your vision reality

JERRY LARGE

KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Congratulations, you survived the calendar change intact, unless you're just using this paper to start a fire on which to roast your post-millennial Spam. I'll assume, however, that the world has not collapsed. Now what?

We are living in yesterday's future. Whatever it is and whatever it will become is at least partly up to us because the future doesn't just happen, it is crafted by people's ideas, actions and examples.

Last year I told you about James Taylor, the late music teacher who made a habit of leading students to live their lives on a higher plane than they might have reached without his intervention.

He will not see the new millennium, but the people he affected and their children will, and their lives will be different because of his words and deeds. He has sent waves of influence into the future.

Or how about Warya Pothan, whose own experiences as a young refugee led her to a life dedicated to helping other refugees cope with becoming American? I'd have to say her work has contributed to our future.

Sure, Churchill, Lincoln, Einstein, Du Bois, Gandhi, Newton and hundreds of other memorable people have affected more lives, but the world is altered every day by people's choices about what we will say, what we will do and who we will be.

Much of our thinking about the passage of time has focused on technological change. Gadgets are concrete and their effects are often quantifiable. But it is people who create technology and people who control the ways in which it will be used.

Our basic nature is the same as it was centuries ago, but the details of daily life and of social organization change all the time. This nation has had a relatively short life, but one that has been marked by rapid social evolution.

We have put away slavery and greatly changed gender roles. We have not gotten rid of prejudice. It is too deeply rooted. But we have made strides in limiting the behaviors that grow from prejudice and making it easier for those who wish to understand and combat that part of our nature to do so.

We don't bleed sick people with leeches, but we do make money a requisite for the best health care.

We have prolonged life, but in some ways diminished our respect for those who have lived long.

We've opened the doors of our classrooms to everyone, but not the doors to a meaningful education.

We have access to more information than any group of human beings have ever had, yet surveys of what Americans know about science, history and just about every other subject are a constant source of humor. Nearly 1 in 5 Americans think the world is flat. (But at least we know the new century and millennium don't really start until next year.)

We don't burn witches, but we do sometimes beat people because of their sexual orientation.

Most of us have put aside belief in demonic possession, but we still don't talk about mental health.

Time doesn't produce progress, people do. We've not seen the end of history. There's still plenty to do and most of it doesn't require that you be able to understand quantum mechanics or computer programming.

There are a million questions we must answer. How much faster can we live our lives? How far does our concern reach beyond our own skin? Is there more to communication than having a beeper, cell phone and instant access to e-mail? What is a good education? Who is my brother? People who know what kind of world they want are already crafting it.

The people who wanted to end government affirmative action and to roll back the vehicle taxes made their wishes everyone's reality.

Sexual Violence, Child Abuse Can Happen Right Next Door

BRETT WINGEIER

THE HULLABALLOO

Claire starts, drops her drink, half-turns with a gasp.

I can see the shock in her eyes before she realizes it's me. Now, a minute later, we're chatting, but her heart is still racing, her adrenaline draining slowly. I surprised her as she read on her front porch and should have known better. I've learned by now to cough or stumble when I approach because she's hurt herself before in that instinctive reaction to an unexpected visitor.

She invites me in; I'm just dropping off some books, but it's hard to turn down a free coffee. Claire has always liked order, and the apartment is tautly neat. The dog gnaws on my ankle, and the double-deadbolt door hangs ajar as we talk. She's having relationship problems, so I listen and manage to make some of the right responses. It's an awkward conversation at first - we're dancing around the topic on both our minds.

The last time I saw Claire was at the end of a late-night bull session. Her roommate, Jessica, had broken down that night, and when I came over she was in tears, crying inconsolably on Claire's shoulder.

Eventually, I heard the full story. A few images might help explain it to you: Jessica's father shaking his 10-year-old daughter by the head and calling her stupid. Her mother calling her 15-year-old a slut in public. An abusive relationship at age 17. The boyfriend hit her when the mind games weren't enough; it ended in a rape and finished in a hospital.

She's surviving, but at a cost. Jessica has never had a happy relationship. She can't speak to her parents without crying. She can't trust love. She can recite Shakespeare and believe she's stupid; she can count her ribs in the mirror and believe she's overweight. And of course she can -- she's been learning her lessons for 20 years now.

I've heard the statistics, and, although

inexact, they're staggering. It's things like this, though, that bring the issue home. Jessica is the one in four, the one in 10, the one in 20, and I don't think she finds it comforting.

We know a few things about sexual and relationship violence. Namely that it's related to our culture's gender roles; societies across the world grant men a near-monopoly on coercion. We're learning that the victims and child witnesses of abuse, whether emotional or physical, are traumatized in many ways. Sometimes we even realize that it's never the victim's fault.

But there's even more we don't know. Why do some children turn to violence later in life, while others are scarred like Jessica, and a lucky few emerge healthy and stable? And how do we address, legally or morally, the subtler issues of emotional abuse and coercion?

What scares me is that Jessica's life is just one edge of a spectrum. We can give and take pain so easily, and the opportunities are infinite. Six years old, and tickled by your brothers until you screamed? Twelve, and teased about your weight? Chances are you've felt it. And chances are, we've all dished it out at some point as well. It's the damnable part, the only damnable part of human nature. It's the part that takes pleasure in coercion and victimization.

Is there a solution?

We're learning that the legal approach, especially to child abuse and domestic violence, is necessary but not sufficient. There will always be subtler ways to hurt. We know that violence and coercion are partially cyclic; many learn to victimize through being victims themselves. Our shelters and counselors may help break the cycle. Perhaps one answer lies in a truer notion of strength; perhaps another is "emotional intelligence." They're hard to define and harder to teach, but I'm convinced we can improve on the status quo.

By now it's time to leave, but I still wonder: how many of us are walking wounded? On the way out, I ask Claire what she thinks. She pauses on the steps where she had dropped her glass at the sound of a man's voice.

More than we'll ever know, she says, and double-locks the door behind me.

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Anyone can learn the basics of bartending, either from a professional bartending school or on their own. The fact is that most restaurants will train students who are already waiters or waitresses with the establishment, without having to go to a professional bartending school. A popular way of obtaining a job in bartending is by starting off waiting tables and later becoming a bartender.

"Bartending school simply offers professionalism to the bartending scene," says Mel, a bartender at Raleigh's on Telegraph Avenue. "This often means higher wages because bartenders out of bartending school see themselves as professionals." Sure, bar patrons expect bartenders to be experts of liquor, wine, beer, menu items and drink recipes, but that expertise is learned with time.

According to local Berkeley bartenders at all-time favorite places such as Henry's, Blake's and Raleigh's, bartending is the perfect job for a college student.

"Bartending is great for a student," says Naill, a bartender at Henry's on Durant Avenue, who has been bartending for 10 years. "Being a night person helps because you have to work nights, but it frees your days." Bartending can be rewarding for students. According to Mel, it does wonders for discipline in time management.

"You have to know when to study and when not to study," says Mel. "You have to plan ahead, and it builds character and time management." But time management skills are not all bartending has to offer a student. Considering that students are generally broke or waiting for the next pay day, bartending is a great way to make extra money instantly by working part-time.

"The best part of bartending is the money," says Jeannie, one of four female bartenders at Blake's on Telegraph Avenue, who averages \$100-\$150 in tips a night. "It is a great way to go to school and work part-time, especially as a female, because they tend to make more than males."

Although it is a people-oriented job, it is not like that of being a waitress or waiter. In bartending, students not only need to prepare drinks well, but they also need to be comfortable and self-confident in front of people.

They do not need to be a model to work in the field, but they absolutely need to present a professional and sharp image. As bartenders, students are the entertainers. They develop their own style, finding the use of their own tricks, jokes or bottle-flipping as a way to add flair and excitement to the casual daily routine. Bartenders are in control of the situation, whereas a waiter or waitress is constantly catering to the needs of others.

"People come to you; you don't have to go to them," says Naill. "You are in control and people have to be nice to you if they want a drink." As a matter of fact, not even a great attitude is required for the job.

"Being a female bartender, you have to be able to put up with a lot of harassment, but you don't have to be all smiles," says Jeannie. "You can be just as impolite to them as they are to you." But the job is not all fun and games. Bartending can be a physically demanding job that a times requires students to lift heavy objects such as kegs or cases of beer. It also requires concentration and the ability to fill drinks, keep tabs and check identifications at the same time. When the server

is calling orders as the bartenders are making change, and another guest is giving an order to be placed on his or her tab, the bartender must learn to prioritize and complete each of the actions automatically. Students who do not want to start as servers should not despair because there is always bartending school.

One of the national bartending schools, American/Professional Bartending School, offers classes in San Francisco. The class requires 40 hours of training, which can be split up either into one week or two weeks. But if students do not feel confident after 40 hours, they can stay with the program for as long as they want for no extra charge. Real liquor is not used during training, but the colors and the mixing qualities of the drinks are close to the real thing. On their Web site, it states that often more than 50 percent of the class is female. In addition to training, the American/Professional Bartending School will also help the recent graduates find a job with their placement service.

The school recommends that interested students contact the school's manager for details about price and class availability.

Another bartending school called the Bartending Academy listed their prices on their Web site as \$549 for 40 hours of classes, textbooks, a certificate of completion and free assistance with finding a job.

Other opportunities to learn the art of bartending are videos, books and tool kits that are sold in bookstores and on the Internet. These run anywhere from \$9.95 to more than \$100, such as the study-at-home kit sold by Masters School of Bartending, and are cheaper alternatives to schools.

But the best way to get hired usually requires previous experience. Bartenders throw bottles around a lot in the movies, but even simple drink preparations can be difficult for students to master. Pouring a drink is often not as easy as it seems; basic procedures include stirring, shaking, blending, muddling, layering, chilling, heating, frosting and flaming. Being a bartender requires mastering "mixology" - the art of making cocktails. As a bartender, customers are greatly dependent on the quality and consistency of the bartender's pouring. The first drink the customer receives should look and taste exactly like their last one, and knowing how to correctly use the various spouts to avoid over- and under-pouring is essential.

Labor and liquor costs are controls that measure how economically a bar is operating on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis. As the bartender, one does not have influence over factors such as the cost of a bottle of Jose Cuervo. However, the bartender does directly have an effect on pouring, spilled drinks, complimentary drinks and specials. One of the most important aspects of being a bartender is keeping the accuracy of the beginning and the ending inventory. The bartender is often held accountable for shortages.

The bartender is the salesperson for the establishment where he or she works at. This means promoting food and beverages through product knowledge and suggestive selling. But being a bartender also involves knowledge of the law. Since bartending involves the preparation and serving of alcohol, it is important that the bartender be "alcohol aware." Bartenders are required to be at least 21 years old because they are responsible not only for serving but also for pouring alcohol. Bartenders are expected, according to California state law, to be diligent in checking identification upon serving alcoholic beverages. It is also in the discretion of the bartender to decline service to a customer who appears to be intoxicated.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Andy Kaufman's enduring appeal

STEVEN REA
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Why Andy? Why now?

He died 15 years ago. His career flamed out, in an obnoxious, off-putting series of opposite-sex wrestling bouts, in the early '80s. In 1982 he was actually voted off "Saturday Night Live", the show he helped launch on Oct. 11, 1975, when he wobbled onto the NBC studio stage, placed the arm of a record player on a scratchy 45 and proceeded to lip-sync "The Theme From Mighty Mouse," with its rodent superhero battle cry, "Here I come to save the day!"

Andy Kaufman should be a blip in the pop-cult consciousness, an oddball relegated to board-game trivia ("Who played Latka on the TV sitcom 'Taxi'?"), a half-forgotten figure from the days when disco ruled.

Instead, the Great Neck, Long Island-born son of a jewelry merchant and a former fashion model is the subject of a \$52 million Universal Pictures release, "Man on the Moon." The film stars Jim Carrey as Kaufman, a spooky simulation that takes mimicry to transcendent dimensions. ("Jim didn't come to the set, it was Andy," raves Danny DeVito, one of Kaufman's "Taxi" co-stars and a key producer of the film. "I think he channeled Andy. He really, really got in there.")

Kaufman is also the subject of two new books: "Lost in the Funhouse: The Life and Mind of Andy Kaufman," Bill Zehme's extensively researched, eccentrically arranged bio-tome (it's presented in multiple voices, the way Kaufman presented himself), and "Andy Kaufman Revealed: Best Friend Tells All," a tabloid-style remembrance by Bob Zmuda, Kaufman's longtime pal and collaborator.

The shooting script to the Milos Forman-directed movie, written by Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski (authors of Forman's "The People vs. Larry Flynt"), has also just been published. And then there's the motion-picture soundtrack, with music from R.E.M., whose 1992 aural homage to Kaufman gave the film its title, and theme song.

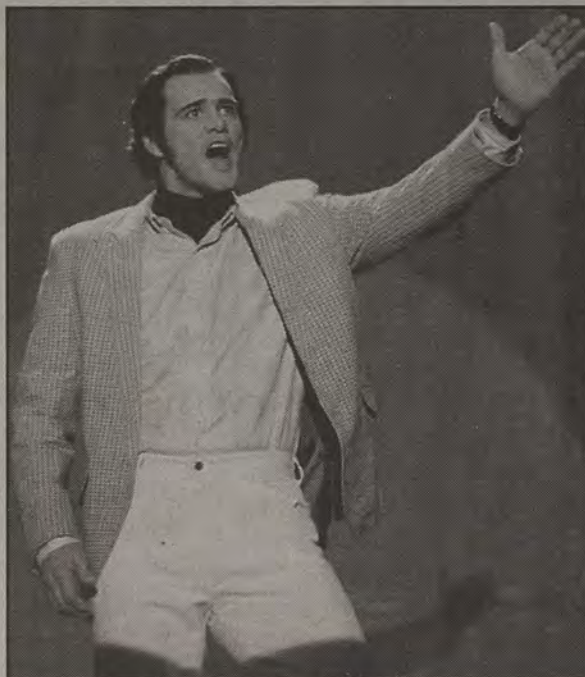
It's a veritable Kaufman convergence.

"There was this extraordinary bravery that he had in his work," says Carol Kane, the actress who played Simka Gravas, spouse of Kaufman's Latka Gravas, in several seasons' worth of ABC's hit series "Taxi." Kaufman, Kane says, didn't just do comedy, he did performance art. His gigs at the standup clubs, and, later, on the college circuit, included the bumbling Foreign Man routine, but also combative taunts and insults aimed at the audience, singing "One Hundred Bottles of Beer" in its entirety, impersonating Elvis, reading "The Great Gatsby" aloud (in a bad Brit-thespian accent), and appearing onstage in a sleeping bag and just sleeping, for the whole show.

And then there was Tony Clifton, the abrasive, abusive Las Vegas lounge act who Kaufman insisted, contractually, in his deal with ABC, was really somebody else. In an infamous moment re-created in the Carrey film, Kaufman's altogether unlikable alter ego, with his prosthetic chin, terrible toupee and derogatory demeanor, was escorted off the "Taxi" set by studio security guards. Here was a little kid taking his practical joke to the nth degree, or a sublime bit of conceptual art.

"When he made a choice to be somebody or do something, he went so, so, so, so far and was just brave enough to never say, 'But I'm only kidding,'" Kane reflects. "People see that now and wish they had that sort of commitment. And I also think, and this is an ironic thing to say about Andy, but I think there was this extraordinary purity and honesty in his work. Even though I suppose you could say that a lot of the things he did were elaborate lies, to me he had this honesty. ... there were no compromises, there were no halfway measures. There was no winking, there was nothing derivative about it from anything or anybody else."

Zehme, who spent five years researching his book, with access to Kaufman's written work (an unpublished novel, first titled "God," then "Gosh," plus journals and letters), volumes of records kept by Kaufman's manager, George Shapiro, and interviews with hundreds of the quirky



Jim Carrey as Andy Kaufman in "Man on the Moon"

star's friends, family and colleagues, says the curiosity about and popularity of Kaufman today are due to his renegade spirit. It's the antiestablishmentarian allure of Kaufman's disregard for convention, in showbiz and in real life.

"He had this anarchic spirit," Zehme explains. "He was a true rebel, and people love that. Teen-agers, today, love that. ... And he was hip: He was reading Beat poetry at the Cafe Wha? in Greenwich Village at the age of 14, and it was pretty good Beat poetry, all things considered."

Zehme says that part of Kaufman's appeal, then and now, was his childishness, a childishness that reached an apotheosis of art when, during Kaufman's triumphant 1979 performance at Carnegie Hall, he invited all 2,800 audience members out for milk and cookies after the show. (Twenty buses were at the ready outside the theater, to convey the crowd to a cafeteria for their free snack.) "The boy who became the man remained the boy. He lived in a fantasy world. His mind was like a carnival inside of a cloud. ... He didn't really operate in our world. We had to go into his."

It just happened that his world was on the cutting edge of '70s comedy.

"Lorne Michaels and Dick Ebersol told me how strongly they felt about mak-

ing sure Andy was in the first half-hour of that first show," Zehme says of the "Saturday Night Live" producers and their inaugural telecast.

"They knew he would set the tone. And that's how important he was: He came along at a time when comedy had begun to turn dangerous, and it hadn't been especially dangerous and now it was full-force dangerous and it would be broadcast on television. ... Andy was of that moment."

And then that moment was gone: Seven years later, in a viewer poll that asked whether Kaufman should stay or go, 62 percent of the respondents, tired of Kaufman's wrestling antics, misogynistic rants, and stubbornly nutty shtick, voted to banish him forever from "SNL."

For DeVito, the diminutive actor and filmmaker who played cab dispatcher to Kaufman's cab mechanic in "Taxi," the real Andy remains something of a mystery.

"I don't think we're ever going to know actually what Andy was thinking all the time, what was making him go," DeVito ruminates. "I know that he thought of himself not as a standup comedian or an actor. ... He was like somebody who invaded the psychology of the room, and changed it, altered it, so that you thought you recognized it, but then there was some little thing that he added that would change up on you."

For Kane, it was, and is, all about Kaufman's bright, blue orbs.

"You can see in his eyes this kind of direct hookup with his child-self," she says. "While not being a childish person, that child just blazes through his eyes."

"I think we all wish we still had those eyes to look through. I know I wish my eyes had the hope and the purity of childhood that Andy's eyes kept, you know what I mean? And I think that maybe young people see that and think, 'Who the hell is this dude?'"

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Comedian Jerry Seinfeld gets married

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NEW YORK — Jerry Seinfeld, whose television character had a phobic fear of commitment, married 28-year-old Jessica Sklar on Saturday Dec. 25 in a quiet ceremony attended by close friends and family, the New York Daily News reported.

The 45-year-old comedian and his bride, a public-relations executive, wrote the vows for the ceremony, presided over by a rabbi.

Later, about three dozen people feasted on crabmeat hors d'oeuvres, lamb and, for dessert, chocolate cake with white frosting, the Daily News reported.

"It was very funny and very beautiful, and they're obviously both very in love," comedian Mario Joyner told the newspaper after the party broke up early Sunday.

Seinfeld wore a dark tuxedo and bow tie. Sklar wore an empire-waisted ivory Tommy Hilfiger slip dress with spaghetti straps. She works for Hilfiger.

Seinfeld's marriage runs contrary to the persona he made famous during the nine-year run

of his NBC sitcom "Seinfeld."



Seinfeld

In the series, Seinfeld's neurotic New York bachelor always managed to find a fatal flaw in his girlfriends, and avoid making the leap

to matrimony.

Seinfeld and Sklar met last year, just weeks after Sklar married Broadway producer Eric Nederlander. Sklar and Nederlander divorced a few months after that.

Seinfeld and Sklar got engaged last month, hinting that the wedding would come before year's end. That left the news media camping out on Seinfeld's sidewalk as Dec. 31 approached.

But the man who made millions on his long-running sitcom, in part, by glorifying the single life, eluded the press on his wedding day by using a decoy limousine.

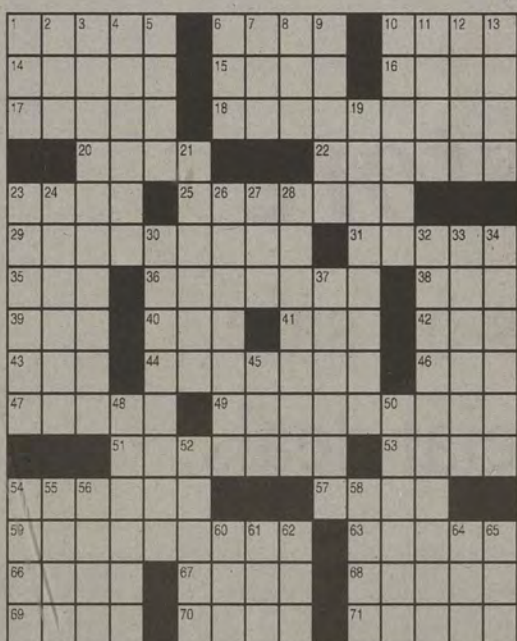
His honeymoon plans were kept quiet too.

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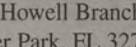


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Lead Stories

• In a November raid on a warehouse used by Red Command, Rio de Janeiro's most prominent drug-and-money-laundering gang, police discovered hundreds of freshly made copies of a CD, "Prohibited Rap," which the gang's neighborhood lieutenants had intended as Christmas presents for their best cocaine customers. Lamented one gang member, "We were trying to do something special. What are we going to give our people now?"

• The Times of London reported in December that Cheltenham, England, shopkeeper Samantha Munns punctured her thigh two weeks earlier when she fell on the nozzle of a balloon-inflating canister and that within seconds, enough helium gas (inert, nonpoisonous) had entered the subcutaneous tissue in her leg and abdomen to cause them to swell painfully to twice their normal size. Munns was treated at Cheltenham General Hospital by physician Alison Moon, who said she could find only one similar case in medical textbooks and prescribed rest in order to let the gas dissipate.

Recent Strandings

Robert Fyfe, 44, fell into a silt and mud pit at a gravel company and could not free himself for 60 hours (Olean, N.Y., July). Magazine editor Nicholas White slipped out for a Friday night smoke break but was stuck 40 hours in an elevator before a guard noticed (New York City, October). Jim Kahlke, 36, was locked in an ATM vestibule on Thanksgiving evening, until a bank employee arrived for work the next morning (Raritan Township, N.J.). A 13-year-old car-theft suspect was left alone all weekend in a courthouse holding cell when a bailiff forgot about him (Indianapolis, November).

Awesome, Duude!

• Pumpkin farmer Hugh Mommsen of Rice Lake, Wis., told a reporter on the Halloween beat that he was ready to step up from his pumpkin catapult (the medieval "trebuchet" device), which can achieve massive splatter by sending a 30-pound pumpkin 150 feet up and 400 feet out, to the even more powerfully splattering pumpkin cannon. Mommsen noted, however, that the awesomeness of the splat depends not only on the force of impact but also on the variety of pumpkin.

• On July 17, Michael Adams, 13, got his arm caught in an irrigation machine while working alone on his family's alfalfa farm near Crane, Ore., and watched as the arm was severed just above the elbow. He picked up the arm, walked 100 yards to a vehicle, and drove for help. Unable to steer well, he crashed, but walked to another vehicle, which he drove to a friend's home, and still comforted his distraught parents when they arrived. The arm was reattached, and Michael is doing fine.

Chutzpah!

• Inmate Timothy Marshall, 39, petitioned a Florida Court of Appeal judge recently to release him early in 2000, as per the terms of his 1985 15-year cocaine-trafficking sentence. The only problem, said the judge, was that Marshall had escaped in 1987 and was recaptured only two years ago and now accuses the state of "wrongfully refusing to give him credit" for time served while on the run. (Petition denied.)

• In September, Alexander J. Blastos, 34, was arrested in Florida and charged with writing a bad check for \$9,600 to cover the cost of a private jet flight back to Keene, N.H., to his court date on federal wire-fraud charges. (However, when New Orleans check-forgery defendant Keefe Anderson, 34, tried to post bail in October with a forged check, it worked; Judge Charles

Elloie fell for it and also accepted without investigation Anderson's bail petition with bogus addresses. Anderson, who police said is also a suspect in a murder investigation, immediately skipped town.)

Leading Economic Indicators

• Russia's venerable National Philharmonic Orchestra, touring Great Britain in November with almost no financial support from the homeland, was forced to play for spare change outside a McDonald's restaurant in Swansea, Wales, taking in about \$32.

• Authorities in Tokyo began investigating the giant finance company Nichiei in November after two debtors reported being pressured by Nichiei loan managers to sell their kidneys and other body parts to meet payment schedules. According to a separate lawsuit, another Nichiei employee demanded a debtor sell his daughter into prostitution. Nichiei is the country's leading lender to small businesses.

• Twenty-eight of Warsaw (Poland)'s 42 prime-location public restrooms were leased in early 1999 to private companies on the condition that they renovate and maintain the toilets. The result, according to an August Associated Press dispatch, has been a variety of small shops operating out of the facilities (e.g., taverns, a veterinary clinic, and even the Lunch Time restaurant featuring a salad bar).

Sometimes They Really Are Innocent

A vigorously protesting Enrique Salinas, 37, was arrested in Detroit in September on a New Mexico shoplifting warrant, held there 38 days, then returned to a Santa Fe jail; authorities have now decided they had the wrong Enrique Salinas, although the one they had was born on the same day in 1962 as the one they wanted and had a similar facial scar. And Los Angeles County agreed in December to pay Ray Nugent \$150,000 for wrongly jailing him in 1988 (and again on the same warrant in 1993) on armed robbery charges; authorities have since concluded that the robbery was committed by Ray's evil twin brother, Jay Nugent, who is believed to be hiding in Canada.

No Longer Weird

Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (39) Amateur videographers who ingeniously hide cameras to capture their subjects nude and/or intimate, such as the Skokie, Ill., landlord in July and whoever installed the two video cameras in a men's shower room at Yosemite National Park in July. And (40) (alas, sadly, for it has been a News of the Weird staple) animal hoarders, usually women with dozens or hundreds of cats who stun the neighbors with the smell and health inspectors with the massive feces buildup, such as the three women in separate instances this year in Edmonton, Alberta, another in Pittsburgh in December (feces stored in animal carriers), and another in St. Anthony, Minn., in August (270 rabbits and "knee deep" feces).

Do the Crime, End Your Time

Shoplifters Malcolm Sloan, 27 (\$68 designer shirt), and Ryan M. Keyes, 18 (loot unreported), had dashed out of stores in, respectively, Warwick, R.I., in September, and Pittsburgh in June, and led police in foot chases. The Sloan chase ended when he drowned in the Allegheny River; the Keyes chase ended when he was fatally hit by a truck crossing a street.

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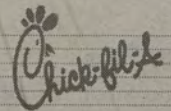
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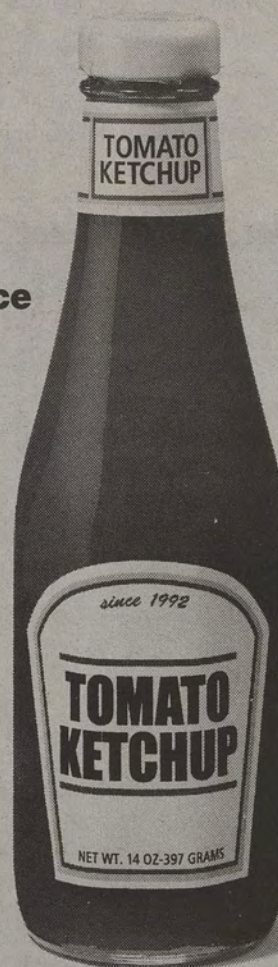
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TAAC stronger as conference play begins

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

Anyone looking at the TAAC standings at the moment might stop and question if they're looking at them upside down. No, dyslexia doesn't reign in the TAAC, but with a handful of games played, Jacksonville State, tied for last a season ago, is 2-0 and on top of the standings. Troy State, seventh last year, is also 2-0 and is the other lone unbeaten.

Meanwhile, Georgia State and UCF are among four teams at 0-1, despite finishing second and third last season and being picked to finish in those positions in the conference pre-season poll.

It will be interesting to see how things play out in the conference when it gets in full swing starting this month. Will the madness continue? Here's a team-by-team synopsis of what the TAAC has to offer in the year 2000 and what has transpired in the conference to date:

CAMPBELL

The Camels had a horrible start to their season, losing a pair of winnable games against Elon and High Point as well as three contests in which they were over-matched going in, against Wake Forest, UNC-Wilmington, and Samford. The loss to the Bulldogs, 71-39, may be an eerie reminder of how far the bottom of the conference is from the top.

Sophomore shooter Adam Fellers leads the team in scoring despite struggling from the field thus far this year. He has picked it

up however, and continues to lead the team in 3-pointers made. Point guard Wes Layton has struggled even more, shooting himself out of his point guard minutes with a 17 percent field goal percentage. Junior Eddie Walker has picked up some of the slack.

Last year's leading scorer, senior Jamie Simmons, disappointed early but is starting to get his game together. The undersized power forward has gotten help in the post from junior college transfer Damien Hannibal.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC

Florida Atlantic has undergone quite a turnaround this season. New coach, new players-similar results. The Owls went 6-20 last season and appear headed in that same direction in Sidney Green's first season in Boca Raton. FAU has been crushed by Syracuse, Bethune-Cookman, Mercer, South Florida, and Miami, with the narrowest margin of defeat coming in a 19-point conference loss to the Bears. Green's first victory in his brief tenure with the team came in a hard fought, 67-63 win against NAIA member Nova Southeastern. He's got a long way to go. Forward Darius Skeete has emerged as the go-to guy, while fellow newcomer Tony Lee has also been a consistent performer. Marques Williams, a solid rebounder, lines up in the middle, with redshirt freshman Robert Peterkin and newcomer Motiejus Reimeris providing depth. Tim Griesser and Ryan Hercek are the starting guards. Hercek is the team's returning leading scorer and only

four-year player. The 6-foot-5 senior is the team's top 3-point threat.

GEORGIA STATE

Georgia State put together a tough non-conference slate, facing mid-major powers Creighton, Detroit, and Bradley as well as high-profile programs like Tulsa and Fresno State, so its not surprising that although they often competed well, they failed to win a game. What was mind-boggling however, was an 81-79 setback at Jacksonville State. Lefty Driesell's team is better than that, and look to turn things around behind the arrival of Georgetown transfer Shernard Long, who walked into the lineup his first time out already being one of the TAAC's best players. Anton Reese leads the team in scoring despite coming off the bench often this year, while junior point guard Kevin Morris, considered by many to be the TAAC's best player, has struggled, seeing his totals decline. Up front, senior Jarrod Hill has turned himself into the Panthers top interior threat, leading the team with nearly eight rebounds a game.

JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville may have gotten off to somewhat of a slow start, but thanks to its 73-71 victory against Samford, the Dolphins are just fine, thank you. Hugh Durham's team pulled off the improbable conference upset, handing the defending TAAC champ a loss to match the Bulldogs' num-

ber of conference losses from a year ago in its first outing (1). Shooting guard Brandon Williams has been the difference maker, scoring a game-high 20 points on five 3-pointers in that win. The JUCO transfer is averaging over 15 points per game and is the perimeter threat needed to compliment forward Calvin Slaughter, the team's only threat last season. Slaughter is having a steady senior year, averaging team highs in scoring and rebounding.

JACKSONVILLE STATE

Second-year coach Mark Turgeon has Jacksonville State playing terrific basketball to start the season, as his team defeated four Division I opponents, including two conference upsets, and sits atop the TAAC. The Gamecocks registered victories against a pair of teams expected to be in the upper echelon of the division, winning at Stetson, 57-52, and at home against Georgia State, 81-79. In conference play, sophomore guard Rashard Willie is averaging 17.5 points and seven assists, fueling the victories with his scoring and passing. He scored 25 points, dished out seven assists, and grabbed seven rebounds despite only being 5-foot-10 to spark the upset of the Panthers. And just think, Nebraska transfer Brant Harriman and senior guard Marlon Gurley, last year's top scorer, have just gotten back into the lineup after sitting out the first semester, just in time for conference play to resume. This is a dangerous team.

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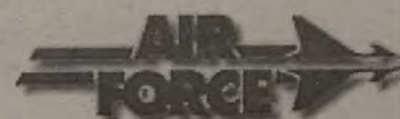
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Knights welcome Mercer for TAAC battle

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

With UCF looking at consecutive road games against Samford and Jacksonville State in its' first TAAC road trip of the season, it becomes imperative that the Golden Knights defend their home court against Mercer on Jan. 5.

After dropping its conference opener against Troy State, 74-73, UCF has put itself in jeopardy of a disastrous start if it is unable to defeat the Bears (3-10, 1-1).

"Every season you start your conference and you kind of have renewed life and feeling like 'OK, let's get after things.' Certainly we talked a lot about wanting to start the conference off at the top of the leaderboard rather than the bottom," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "We didn't get the job done, so now we make it that much more difficult on ourselves for the next 17 ballgames. We have to go make something happen."



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Making something happen against Mercer will require shutting down an improved interior attack that has remained the strength of the team despite the unexpected loss of 1998-'99 starters Mark Adamson (left the team for personal reasons) and Terry Lawyer (quit basketball). Freshman center Scott Emerson, a 6-foot-9, 230-pounder, has emerged as his team's top scorer (13.0 ppg) and rebounder (7.4 rpg).

Flanking him in the post are forwards Torris Woolfolk, a graduate student who joined the program for just this season, and Rodney Kirtz, who have combined for 16 points and 10 rebounds per game.

The Bears perimeter attack is led by small forward Chris Hill, a JuCo transfer from Tallahassee averaging 12.8 points per game. Hill has hit 28 3-pointers so far this year, an average of over two per game.

Point guard Korey McCray is now in his junior season and has started nearly every game since he walked on Mercer's campus. He's averaging over seven points and a team-high three assists per game.

Last season's leading scorer, former Auburn transfer Earnest Brown, broke his leg in an off-season pick up game and just recently returned to the Mercer lineup, but hasn't seen much action. After averaging 12.6 points per game last season, Brown has made just three of 17 shots upon his return.

In his absence, sophomore Aleem Muhammed has gotten the majority of the playing time, but is averaging just over six points per game. Redshirt freshman Noel West and junior Josh Sagester provide scoring off the bench.

The Bears, as is their custom, played an excruciating non-conference schedule, losing to Arkansas twice, failing at Georgia and Utah State, and at home against Rhode Island.

"They always load their early schedule with real tough teams, so they've been sea-

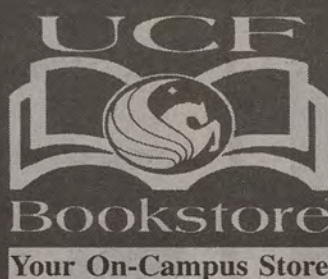
soned," Speraw said. "Having players leave the team has really brought them together as a team, so they'll be ready to come in here and battle."

Mercer won its TAAC opener in early December by embarrassing Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton, 92-73. A couple nights later, the Bears fell at home against Stetson, 77-74.

Mark Slonaker's team is not expected to be among the TAAC's top tier of teams, but have played well in flashes this year and could prove to be a dangerous opponent for a UCF team in need of a victory with road games against two of the TAAC's best teams up next on the schedule.



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Troy St.	2-0
Samford	1-1
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Individual Stats

Scoring

1. Golden - Troy St.	17.8
2. Reese - GSU	16.9
3. Salyers - Sam	16.4
10. Stewart - UCF	14.1

Rebounding

1. Singletary - Stet	9.6
2. Hampton - Stet	9.2
3. McDaniel - JSU	8.4
10. Reed - UCF	6.3

Assists

1. Golden - Troy St.	5.9
2. Willie - JSU	5.2
3. Givens - Stet	5.0
4. Perry - UCF	4.1

Perry returning to form in last 2 games

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Tennessee, Perry scored a season-high 13 points and recorded a career-high seven steals to go along with seven assists in a season-high 30 minutes.

Against Troy State, Perry played 25 minutes and again dished out seven assists, grabbed five rebounds, and scored 10 points despite missing a game-winning 3-pointer.

Perry, who holds the UCF single-game mark for most assists and has dished out 422 in his career, is a key to UCF putting the season back together.

"Certainly he's been playing better," Speraw said. "Obviously, early in the season he wasn't anywhere near himself and that took its toll. You can tell he's putting it together and is nearly back on track."

UCF 3-pointers remain NCAA's top mark

Despite its' struggles this season, the Golden Knights do have an NCAA-best this season. On Nov. 28, the Golden Knights hit 11-of-14 from 3-point range, which is also the best performance in school history.

In the consolation round of the SoCon Holiday Hoops tournament, UCF blitzed the nets against South Carolina State only to fall short, 71-70. The 78.6 percent from beyond the arc has not been surpassed by any NCAA Division I team thus far this season. The old UCF record was 69.2 percent against Florida International in 1991.

-TONY MEJIA



Senior Cory Perry, one of two Golden Knights to record 400 assists, has battled back from an ankle injury that aggravated him all season and is playing his best basketball of the year. Against Middle Tennessee State, he recorded a career-high seven steals to help UCF to its first win against a Division I opponent this year.

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Knights fall 74-73 in TAAC opener

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

Following a 2-9 start in the non-conference portion of its schedule, UCF's men's basketball team anxiously looked forward to starting TAAC play against Troy State, hoping to get off on the right foot and forget about the season's early struggles.

Unfortunately for Kirk Speraw's squad, Troy State point guard Detric Golden wasn't cooperative.

Golden, a transfer from Memphis, scored his team's final six points after the Golden Knights took a 70-68 lead with 3:32 remaining, helping the Trojans hold off the Knights, 74-73. UCF point guard Cory Perry connected on a 3-pointer with 16 seconds remaining to pull the Knights within one. Golden was fouled with 11 seconds remaining, and surprisingly missed the first free throw of a one-and-one.

UCF, electing not to use a time-out, raced down court and ended up getting another 3-point shot from Perry. Unlike his previous attempt, Perry's game-winner went long as time expired. It wasn't the shot Speraw had hoped for on the game's final play.

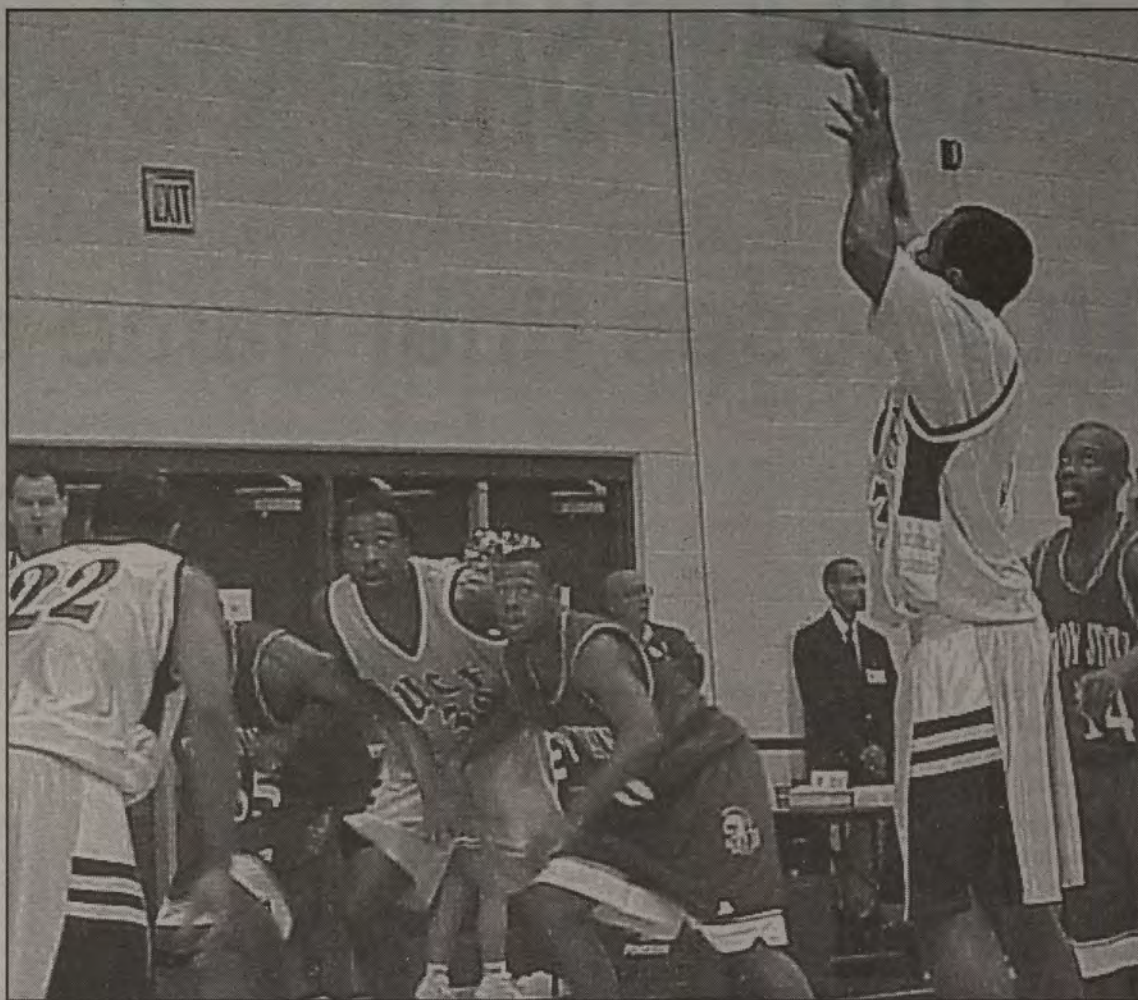
"It's a play that could have gone either way to DQ (D'Quarius Stewart) or Jason (Thornton)," Speraw said. "It was not one of our better decisions on the night."

The Golden Knights rallied back from a 12-point second half deficit to put themselves in position for the win.

"I was happy we showed some toughness when we were down 10 in the second half and didn't let it get beyond that and battled ourselves back to make it even," Speraw said. "I think that was a nice positive. I'm disappointed in our execution in the first half. We hurt ourselves with a lot of turnovers, a lot of silly mistakes. That helped dig ourselves a hole."

Forward Jason Thornton led UCF with 17 points, with 13 of them coming in the second half. D'Quarius Stewart scored in double-figures in his 12th consecutive game this season, finishing with 14, while Paul Reed and Perry each had 10. Center Roy Leath finished with eight points and a team-high 12 rebounds.

Don Maestri's Trojans were led by Golden and sophomore Robert Rushing, who each scored 17. Rushing connected on three of five 3-point attempts and consistently beat UCF from the perimeter. Golden finished with a team-high six assists, while



UCF opened TAAC conference play with a 74-73 loss to the much improved Troy State Trojans.

junior Center Jacova Jenkins racked up a game-high 13 rebounds to go along with his eight points.

"We knew coming in they were going to be much improved,"

Speraw said. "This is a different team from last year. Golden and (Matt) Holman have come in and upgraded their guard play and they have added depth up front."

Troy State improved its record

in the TAAC to 2-0, tying Jacksonville State at the top of the conference standings. The Golden Knights are 0-1.

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MERCER

Mercer saw its promising basketball season get off to a rocky start before ever really starting, as would-be senior Mark Adamson, one of the TAAC's leading rebounders three years in a row, left the team. So did Mississippi State transfer Terry Lawyer, electing to give up the game. Auburn transfer Earnest Brown, last year's top scorer, broke his leg in a pick-up game and will be sidelined until Christmas.

Yes, coach Mark Slonaker had plenty of headaches during an eventful off-season. Young players do give him hope however. 6-foot-9 freshman center Scott Emerson has logged a lot of minutes and leads the team in scoring and rebounding. Mercer could easily be 2-0 in TAAC play, having beaten conference doormat FAU, and blowing a double-digit lead to Stetson in a 77-74 loss.

SAMFORD

Samford lost two games by a basket a piece, with one of those coming at Jacksonville in the TAAC opener. On the positive side, the Bulldogs can boast about wins against St. John's and Alabama, and evened their conference record by drubbing Campbell, 71-39. Samford is definitely poised to repeat as conference champions.

As good as last year's team was, Jimmy Tillette's version this year is actually better, having lost no players and gaining a year of experience. Not to mention the services of Mississippi State transfer Derrick Jones, who replaced senior Boyd Kaiser in the starting lineup.

Reigning TAAC Player-of-the-Year Reed Rawlings is the team's leading scorer and junior center Marc Salyers leads the team in rebounding.

STETSON

Like local rival UCF, Stetson has also been ravaged by injuries, losing point

guards Mario Haynes and Van Morris which forced Murray Arnold to hand the reigns over to newcomer Ravii Givens. Judging by how he's played, Givens may have won the job anyway. The 5-foot-9 freshman is tied for second on the team in scoring, and leads the Hatters with about five assists per game.

Teaming with him in the backcourt is fellow freshman Derrick DeWitt, who already has a few game-clinchers to his credit and is Arnold's top 3-point threat. Up front is where Stetson packs its most punch however, with junior Sebastian Singletary leading the way as the top scorer while sophomore center Santos Hampton leads the TAAC in rebounds.

TROY STATE

Troy State is sitting pretty atop the TAAC by winning its conference opener, 77-69 against Jacksonville, who would defeat TAAC favorite Samford in its very next game. The Trojans closed out the century by dropping UCF, 74-73, and finally have a true point guard to pace their high-

scoring attack, as Memphis transfer Detric Golden has stepped in to dish out just under seven assists per game to go with a team-leading 16 points per game.

JUCO transfer Matt Holman has also been a welcome addition, currently second on the team in scoring and tops on a team of gunners in 3-pointers made. Eugene Christopher, the TAAC's leading returning scorer, is third on his own team, after averaging 17.9 a season ago. You won't hear him complaining however. He's got talented help, and Don Maestri, the long time Trojan coach, has a deep, talented squad after being reduced to just eight players last season.



Howard leads Knights in scoring, rebounding

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and time to showcase the potential Striegler said Howard has. Being labeled a pro prospect by Striegler is something

Howard said she's glad to hear, but Howard is trying not to get too caught up in her potential.

"If the door for the WNBA is there, if the

opportunity knocks, I'll open the door," Howard said. "But if it doesn't knock, I don't think I'm the type of person to go out and pursue it. I have other aspirations and I have other things I want to do. If it comes knocking, I'll pursue it. But if it doesn't come knocking and I have to go fetch it, it's not me."

"It feels good to have a coach tell you that you have the potential. But other times when I think about other things I want to do in my life, I think that maybe I can go to the WNBA. It kind of boosts me up now in college to know that I have the potential to do this. If I do this, I'll get to the WNBA and it feels good to see that someone thinks I have potential to get to the WNBA."

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Lovett remains out

UCF senior forward Mario Lovett has seen just 11 minutes of action this season after having scar tissue removed from his left foot in late October.

The Golden Knights' co-captain is the team's top post threat and post defender, and was expected to be a key component in UCF's challenge of top programs like Miami, Clemson, South Florida, and Louisville.

Lovett, a graduate of Tampa's Leto HS, saw his

only action of the year in UCF's home game against South Florida on Dec. 3. Understandably rusty, Lovett scored two points on 1-of-4 shooting and committed three turnovers.

He's had times this season when it appeared that he was healthy enough to return, but his condition has regressed each time and he's remained on the sidelines. Lovett does have a red-shirt season available, which becomes an option Coach Kirk Speraw must consider.

"Right now he's nowhere near where he should be. He can hardly walk," Speraw said. "He's running out of time."

Knights lead Louisville by 10 at halftime

The Golden Knights have had their share of close calls this season, but by far, their best performance of the season has come in the first half of a 78-58 loss to Louisville at Freedom Hall.

Going up against legendary Coach Denny Crum and his Cardinals, UCF went into the half up 32-22, shocking a large crowd in the historic venue of Dec. 15.

The Golden Knights held the Cardinals to 22.6 percent shooting in the first half as Louisville missed its first 11 shots against a stingy UCF defense.

The second half was a different story, however, as a 27-8 run quickly erased UCF's lead, and the Cardinals got hot down the stretch to make the game a blowout, but it was not

indicative of the Golden Knight effort.

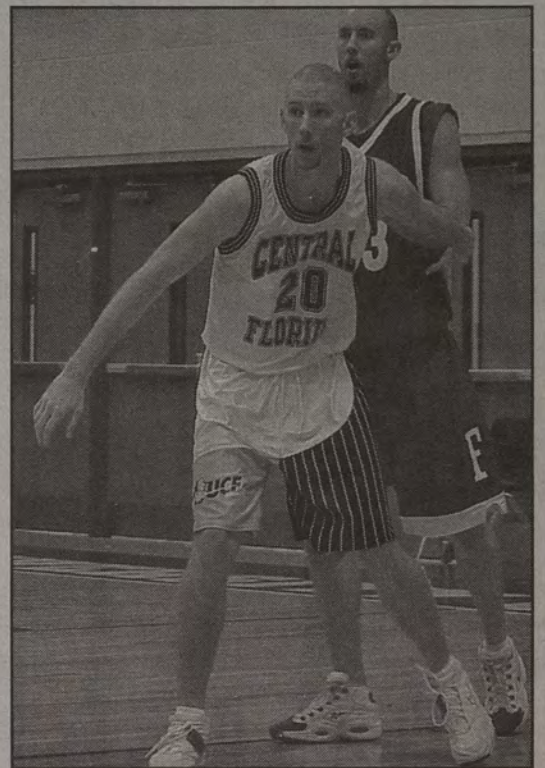
Perry's return sparks Knights

Cory Perry has been fighting ankle problems all season, but appears to have gotten back on track in his last two outings.

The senior point guard, who is second in UCF history in assists, has gotten his game together the last two outings. In a victory against Middle Tennessee, Perry scored a season-high 13 points and recorded a career-high seven steals to go along with seven assists in a season-high 30 minutes.

Against Troy State, Perry played 25 minutes and again dished out seven assists, grabbed five

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Sophomore Jason Thornton connected on all six of his 3-pointers in a 71-70 loss to South Carolina State in the SoCon Holiday Hoops tournament.

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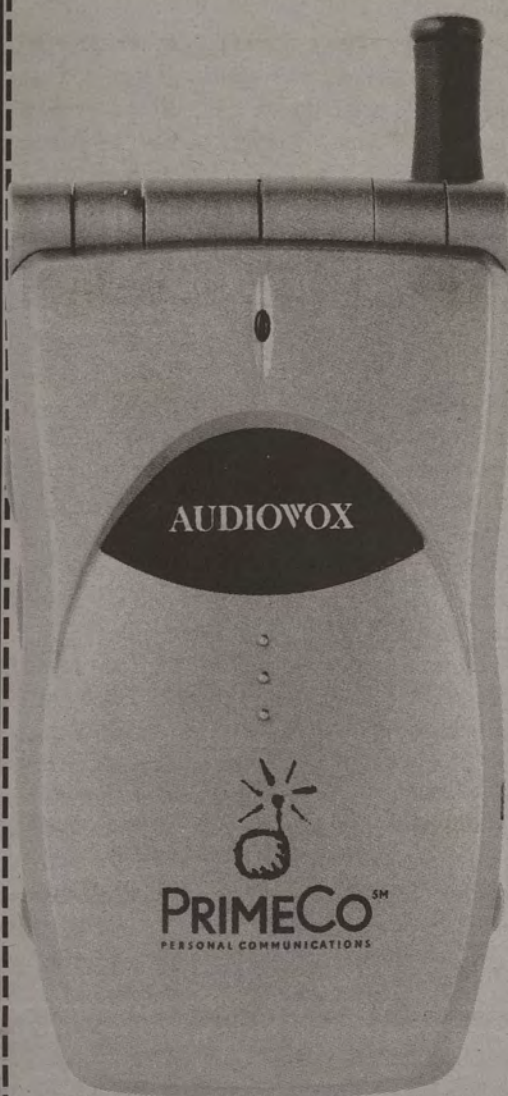
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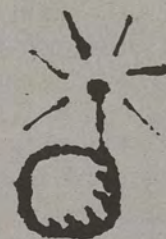
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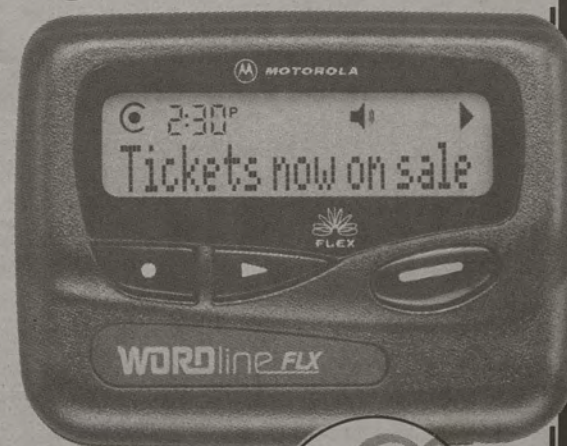
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SPORTS

5 former Knights added to Hall

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

After wading through more than 100 potential inductees, the 2000 class of the UCF Athletics Hall of Fame has its five newest members. An eight-member panel has chosen five ex-UCF student-athletes to join the previous two classes in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Former UCF football greats Sean Beckton and Bill Giovanetti along with Knights men's soccer star Winston DuBose, women's soccer great Karen Richter and women's basketball player Susan Patz will join the UCF Athletics Hall of Fame.

The members of the Hall of Fame are selected based on their athletic achievement that has distinguished them from other former athletes at UCF.

In Beckton and Giovanetti, the Hall of Fame adds two former football players who helped build the Golden Knights' football foundation.

Beckton, who played wide receiver from 1987-90, has used his skills and talents as a player to mold current receivers at his alma mater as UCF's wide receiver's coach. He was instrumental in the team reaching the semifinals of the NCAA Division II playoffs in 1987 and the semifinals of the I-AA playoffs in 1990.

Beckton set several school records in receiving statistics, but his efficiency as a coach has seen many of his players surpass his records.

Among the records Beckton set was for career receptions (196) and career yardage (2,493), both of which are third all-time at UCF.

Beckton led the team in receiving from 1988-1990, had a school-record 42 consecutive game with a catch and had nine 100-yard receiving games. He is fourth in career all-purpose yards with 3,652 and scored four ways (threw a touchdown pass, a TD reception, TD run and a punt return TD).

Giovanetti, who started every game in his four-year career, played linebacker at UCF from 1979-82. He started on UCF's first football team and was the youngest to try out for the inaugural team at 17. He led the team in tackles three of his four years and set a record for career

tackles that lasted for 10 years. His 429 career tackles rank him second in that category while he still holds the school record for tackles in a game (23). He was also an Associated Press honorable mention All-American in 1981.

Patz is the first women's basketball player to be enshrined at UCF. Patz, whose married name is Pringle, played from 1982-86. She was a key member in the Golden Knights switch from Division II to Division I in the 1984-85 season. She set the school record for career scoring with 1,587 points, a record she held for 10 years.



UCF wide receivers coach Sean Beckton was elected to the school's Athletics Hall of Fame. He joins five inductees this season, raising the total members to 12.

She is currently second in career scoring, second in career blocked shots (85) and is fourth in career rebounding (563). She was the first woman in school history to score more than 1,500 points and pull down more than 500 rebounds.

DuBose is the first men's soccer player to be selected to the UCF Athletics Hall of Fame. He played goalkeeper from 1973-76, and helped move the Knights soccer team into a varsity level sport. He was named All-American three times and led UCF to a 15-1-1 record in 1976.

He was chosen in the first round of the North American Soccer League draft and went on to become a star with the Tampa Bay Rowdies. He holds the school record for career shutouts (25), season shutouts (8), career goals against average (.91) and season goals against average (.49).

Richter, the former coach of UCF's women's soccer team and current coach of Auburn's women's soccer team, is the third women's soccer player and the second goalkeeper to be enshrined. She played at UCF from 1987-90 and was the Knights' coach from 1993-98.

As a player, she earned Adidas/ISAA and NCAA Goalkeeper-of-the-year honors in 1990 and was named to the Soccer America MVP team in 1989.

As a successful student as well, Richter was named to the Adidas scholar-athlete team in 1989 and 1990. She holds the school record for lowest career goals against average (.59), lowest single-season goals against average (.25) and also holds the record for career shutouts (30.5).

As a junior, she led the team to an 11-1-2 record and allowed only two goals in 14 games. As a coach she led the team to five Trans America Athletic Conference championships in a six-year span.

Richter, Patz, DuBose, Giovanetti and Beckton will join the other seven nominees in the Hall of Fame in a ceremony on March 10. The inaugural class in 1998 was comprised of basketball player Bo Clark, his father and coach Torchy Clark and women's soccer player and current Sports Illustrated co-Woman of the Year Michelle Akers.

Last year's class included women's soccer player Amy Allmann, volleyball player and coach Laura Smith, baseball player Tim Barker and men's basketball player Jerry Prather.

Pro career could be possibility for Howard

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

When UCF women's basketball coach Gail Striegler talks about Camille Howard, she can't help but mention potential. Striegler, the first year coach of the Golden Knights, says the junior year power forward could do a lot of things on the court if she put her mind to it.

"She could play in the Women's National Basketball Association if she wanted to, but to be able to do that, you've got to be dedicated and have to be able to spend time in the gym outside of our practice time," Striegler said. "She has that kind of potential, definitely and if she came in to the gym and worked an extra hour, she could do whatever she wanted to do. Camille doesn't have an idea of how good she could be."

Howard has given Striegler a taste of just how good she can be this season. Howard leads UCF in scoring (11.7 points a game), rebounding (7.6) and field goal percentage (.580), but her showcase of talents is often cut short from piling up fouls. While Howard's 181 minutes through Saturday puts her among the team leaders in that category, Striegler would love to play Howard more.

"Camille has come out and played very hard, she just hasn't played very smart. She picks up too many fouls," Striegler

said. "I need her to play about 40 minutes a game, but she plays only about 25 because she's always in foul trouble. Until she quits fouling, we're going to be in trouble. She's the only one who's really been consistent every night. Camille's the only one I've got and when she has to sit on the bench, it gets kind of crazy."

Watching the action from the bench has not been Howard's favorite past time either. Howard said she often finds foul trouble not only getting the best of her on the statistics sheet, but also mentally.

"It aggravates me because I know before I get in the game I need to stay out of foul trouble," said Howard, marketing major. "It's usually a mental thing where if the first two fouls come quick, the next two usually come quick also."

"You get into the mentality where [I think] 'okay, I'm going to move my feet. I'm going to move my hands, I'm not going to touch anybody.' They're not hard fouls, they're just little petty fouls and I need to have that mentality to be smart enough to think about it while I'm in the game."

Despite her foul troubles, Howard has been able to help make up for loss of last year's top scorer and also the TAAC's player of the year, Chariya Davis. In pre-season practice, Striegler said that Howard, along with junior point guard Nancy Richter, established themselves as leader for this year's team. Their leader-

ship has helped a young UCF team to a 3-6 start through a tough non-conference schedule that included losses to ranked Florida and Texas Tech.

Howard said she knew before the season that a new leader would be needed for UCF and she took on the challenge.

"We lost a major part of our scoring, assist and rebounding," Howard said. "We knew somebody had to step up and I knew on my part I had to step up. I was a junior and I was coming in, I wasn't scoring that much last year, I was just kind of filling a role. I had to step up and show everyone that someone wants to be a leader on this team."

While no specific points or rebound numbers for each game were in Howard's mind, she kept a simple goal of playing harder and smarter. Although she is considered one of UCF's go-to players when not in foul trouble, Howard said she still has room to improve.

"I think I'm still pretty streaky. I'm not as consistent as I want to be. I'm not satisfied with myself and I want to get out of a comfort zone," Howard said.

"I need to boost up my playing level and get more and more and more. I'm not satisfied with being streaky now, I want to be consistent."

With added consistency specifically on the defensive end, will come more minutes

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Camille Howard, who was an All-City performer at North Miami Beach High School, has emerged as UCF's most consistent performer but has struggled to remain in games due to foul trouble.